

ALONZO GARDNER.

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APRIL 20, 1904.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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MR. CROWLEY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 5179.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5179) granting an increase of pension to Alonzo Gardner, have examined the same and adopt the Senate report thereon and recommend that the bill do pass.

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[Senate Report No. 1982, Fifty-eighth Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 5179) granting an increase of pension to Alonzo Gardner, have examined the same and report:

It is proposed by this bill to increase from \$12 to \$30 per month the pension of Alonzo Gardner, late of Company C, One hundred and fifth Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry.

The papers on file in the Pension Bureau show that Alonzo Gardner was a good soldier with an honorable record of nearly three years' service, having enlisted August 11, 1862, and being honorably discharged June 7, 1865. He is now a pensioner under the general law at \$12 per month on account of disease of lungs incurred in service and can obtain no further relief at the Bureau, his claim for increase, filed October 3, 1896, having been rejected July 20, 1899.

The evidence shows that about two and one-half years ago claimant had a stroke of apoplexy, resulting in almost total paralysis of right side, and since then has been entirely helpless and dependent on the assistance of other persons to enable him to attend to his wants. He is wholly unable to earn anything and requires constant attendance, and the evidence shows he is poor and without means of support except his pension of \$12 per month, which is wholly inadequate for his needs.

There are numerous precedents for special legislation in cases of this character, and an increase of his pension to \$30 per month is recommended to aid in his support.

The bill is therefore reported back favorably with a recommendation that it pass.